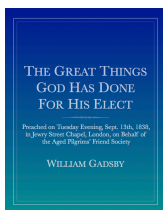


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favourest me, because
mine enemy doth not
triumph over me.”

(PSALM 41:11)



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GREAT SALVATION

“HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE, IF WE NEGLECT SO GREAT SALVATION; WHICH AT THE FIRST BEGAN TO BE SPOKEN BY THE LORD, AND WAS CONFIRMED UNTO US BY THEM THAT HEARD HIM;” (HEBREWS 2:3)

This verse delivers a faithful warning to those who neglect this *great salvation*, and also affords much comfort to those who are not neglecting this *great salvation*; indeed, saving comfort for those who are *not* neglecting our great Saviour, Christ Jesus the Lord.

Shall we perish, if we *are not neglecting* this great Saviour and His salvation? Impossible. For if the love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, once given in salvation, it is never taken back! (ROMANS 11:29) Anchored in Christ—nothing can harm God's people—as Paul puts it ever so blessedly, *neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Believing sinner, without a doubt you are safe in Christ, for all the attributes of God are engaged for your salvation. For He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ

[PHILIPPIANS 1:6]. Indeed, you who believe on Christ, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation—through the faithfulness and righteousness of God's only Son; nothing shall separate us from His love for our Lord declares, *I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand...and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.* (JOHN 10:28)

So certain is the salvation of His people, that He says of them, though *"some of you shall they cause to be put to death"*, our Lord declares—*"But there shall not an hair of your head perish"*—Oh the astonishing wonder of His preserving power!—Lord I believe it, help my unbelief! (LUKE 21:16,18)

Friend, may this salvation be yours! May this blessedness be yours in all its fulness, may He be pleased to make known to you that He is faithful till that appointed time when, if you're His, your life in Christ shall be translated from this *fallen world* to the *world of His kingdom*, He will keep you! [1 PETER 1:5]

God has spoken to us by His Son, and He declares to His people *Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.* AMEN!

PASTOR

HE THAT HATH NO MONEY

"...AND HE THAT HATH NO MONEY; COME YE, BUY, AND EAT; YEA, COME, BUY WINE AND MILK WITHOUT MONEY AND WITHOUT PRICE" (ISAIAH 55:1)

God only bids one kind of person to come to Christ, the sinner. The sinner is one who has nothing: no merit, no worthiness, no righteousness, nothing. Why? If I come with anything at all then Christ will not be my All! If I have wisdom then I will not trust Christ to be all my Wisdom; if I have righteousness then I will not rest in Christ to be all my Righteousness; if I am able to make myself holy by my works then Christ will not be all my Sanctification [1 CORINTHIANS 1:30-31]; if I think I can redeem myself from the curse of the law then I will not look to Christ to pay all the debt I owe to God and his justice. Salvation is free to those who come with nothing because it cost God's only begotten Son everything. If you have nothing then God says, *"Come buy without money and without price!"*

PASTOR **CLAY CURTIS**

Beloved, *the LORD is good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon HIS Son to be saved* [PSALM 2:12, PSALM 86:5, ACTS 2:21]

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FOR IT IS GOD

“FOR IT IS GOD WHICH WORKETH IN YOU BOTH TO WILL AND TO DO OF HIS GOOD PLEASURE.” (PHILIPPIANS 2:13)

What a blessing it is to hear the good pleasure of our Triune God, to learn from Him that He is the fountainhead of all our salvation:

For it is God... that chose me (JOHN 15:16)

For it is God... that called me (LUKE 5:32)

For it is God... that saved me (JOHN 10:28)

For it is God... that shed His precious blood (ACTS 20:28)

For it is God... that put away my sin (HEBREWS 9:26)

For it is God... that made me His righteousness (2 CORINTHIANS 5:21)

For it is God... that has redeemed me. (COLOSSIANS 1:14)

I'm certain that if an elect child of God should be asked the reason they are saved, their answer will always commence with *For it is God* and not *For I...* did this or that to be saved!

The people of God plainly and clearly testify, *For it is God* that saved me, *For it is God* that made me to differ. This testimony comes forth from a new heart *opened* by the Lord himself, and believes on Christ alone to be saved; and that—not as a condition, but rather very blessedly as the divine gift of *His* faith! (ACTS 16:14, GALATIANS 2:16, EPHESIANS 2:8-10, 1 JOHN 5:20)

What a miracle the new birth is; when a dead man is made alive to see his sin and to see the fullness of salvation found only in and through believing on Christ Jesus, the Son of God. [MARK 16:16, JOHN 6:47]

Who makes the difference between those who *shall* be saved and those who *shall not*? God makes the difference! By His good pleasure, from the beginning to right now and onto glory, *salvation is of the Lord*. If by His grace He has given you this salvation, this justifying faith (having already baptized you by His Spirit) He will give you a *love* to follow Him, indeed to follow Him in the waters of His baptism. Amen. [JONAH 2:9, 1 CORINTHIANS 4:7; 12:13, ACTS 2:38]

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